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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-40 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

The following office action is a responsive to the Amendment filed, 01/15/04.

The amendment filed 01/15/05 affects the application, 10/089,22 as follows:

1. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. Claims 19-40 have been added. This leaves claims 19-40.
2. Applicant responds to the rejection under 35 USC 102 by canceling claim 1-18.
3. The responsive to applicants' arguments is contained herein below.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 30 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claims contains brackets which implies an uncertainty as to whether the phrase in brackets are necessarily required in the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 19 and 30 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 19 and 30 recites the phrase "i.e. monosaccharide 1" and "i.e monosaccharide 2". However, the claim is indefinite because it is unclear whether the monosaccharide 1 and monosaccharide 2 should be included in the claim since it is represented as an example. More specifically, this phrase is vague and indefinite and, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner has found claims 19-40 to be unobvious over the prior art of record and therefore to be allowable over the prior art of record provided the 112 rejections are overcome, and appropriate claims are written in a form independent of a rejected claim. The present invention relates to oligosaccharides having a given formula or oligosaccharide containing compounds including N-acetylated oligosaccharides which are fucosylated and optionally covalently bound to a carrier molecule and a process for preparing said compounds, and the process of preparing said oligosaccharide. The very relevant prior art document (US 6,319,695) to this invention discloses oligosaccharides or oligosaccharide containing compounds including N-acetylated oligosaccharides which are fucosylated.

However, though the compounds of the present invention are similar to those claimed in the prior art document, they possess structural differences (including different monosacharides and substituents) that are unobvious to those of the prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Henry whose telephone number is 571-272-0652. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; Mon-Fri. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308-1235.

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